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PROMOTION OF BRAKISHWATER FISHERIES IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to promote brackishwater fisheries in Orissa particularly in the cyclone affected districts; and

(b) if so, the details of assistance extended to the fish farmers to promote brackishwater fisheries during 2000-2001?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) : A Centrally Sponsored Scheme viz. Integrated Coastal Aquaculture which contains a package of technical, financial and extension support to shrimp growers is under implementation through Brackishwater Fish Farmers Development Agencies (BFDAs) in the country including Orissa.

(b): In orissa seven BFDAs have been set up in the coastal districts of Kendrapada, Ganjam, Khurda, Puri, Jagatsinghpur, Balasore and Bhadrak. A sum of Rs.48.75 lakhs has so far been released to the Government of Orissa during 2000-2001 under the above mentioned scheme. Besides, the following steps have been taken to promote brackishwater fisheries;

i) Human resource development by establishment of demonstration cum training center to train shrimp farmers.
ii) Issue of guidelines outlining measures for development and management of sustainable brackishwater aquaculture practices.
iii) Regulation of shrimp farming activities in coastal areas in an eco-friendly manner by setting up Aquaculture Authority under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act 1986; and
iv) Implementation of a World Bank Project on Shrimp & Fish Culture to develop an area of about 283 ha, for shrimp farming in the State of Orissa.